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FOSTERING FEES AND ALLOWANCES 2026

Families for Children highly values its approved foster carers and offers a package of training and support that values and recognises our carers' skills.

All Glasgow City Council foster carers receive a fee **plus** an allowance for each child/young person placed with them.

Current weekly fostering fees

Main Scheme fostering – per child/young person per week	£265
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Fostering Allowances

The Scottish Recommended Allowance contributes towards the day-to-day cost of caring for a child or young person.

Carers also receive four additional allowances payments each year: two weeks for summer holiday, one week for Christmas or another winter festival, and one week for the child or young person's birthday.

The 2026-2027 weekly rates are:

Age Range	Weekly Allowance
0 – 4 years	£177.68
5 – 10 years	£206.71
11 – 15 years	£206.71
16 – 18 years	£283.35

As Scotland's largest provider of foster care, Families for Children is a busy service and our carers generally do not experience lengthy waiting times between placements unless they wish to do so. As the corporate parent for all of Glasgow's children, we will always place children with our own foster carers wherever possible, rather than purchase placements from independent providers. This means that as, a Families for Children foster carer, you will have the chance to do the role you train for – supporting Glasgow's children on an ongoing basis as part of a busy service.

